

Swiss Neutrality Violated, Is Charge

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS.

PARIS, Aug. 14.—The French government today made the direct charge that Germany is violating the neutrality of Switzerland. It claims, in an official statement issued this afternoon, that numerous German mounted patrols, routed by French cavalry columns, have crossed the border into Switzerland.

The official announcement continues: "These scouting parties of the enemy have not hesitated to violate the Swiss territory in efforts to escape from capture by the French cavalry attacking them. The French commanding officers, however, have the strictest orders not to pursue their advantage across the Swiss frontier and as a result many of the German patrols escaped almost certain capture."

It is announced that the French government will direct the attention of the Swiss government to this violation of its territory.

NOW HOLDING PASSES.

This announcement and a claim that the French army which is holding the passes through the Vosges Mountains has defeated all attempts on the part of the Germans to retake the roadways through the ranges, was all the news that the censor permitted to become known today.

In the Vosges Mountains it is claimed that a sweeping French victory occurred. The German columns from Molsheim, it is stated, attempted to retake the St. Marie and Le Bonhomme passes, which were taken by the French a week ago.

The German attack was in force, according to the reports here, but the French had mounted artillery at all of the approaches, and the Germans failed utterly in an attempt to storm the superiority of the French artillery and cavalry has been thoroughly demonstrated.

According to the reports made public at the war office one entire German division, with artillery, was entrapped, and after being badly cut up by a deluge of fire from the rapid-fire guns was forced to surrender. This victory is declared to have taken place near the entrance to St. Marie pass.

Fighting Still Continues.

It is considered certain here that the fighting in the department of Meurthe-et-Moselle continues, but all particulars are withheld by the government. The only reference permitted was in a statement issued by the war office which said: "Skirmishing between the opposing armies along the entire frontier continues."

"The French positions have been maintained at every point and organized attempts to penetrate the frontier have been beaten off with accompanying heavy losses. In every engagement the superiority of the French artillery and cavalry has been thoroughly demonstrated."

The exact whereabouts of the British fleet in the North sea seems as much a mystery as ever. Heavy cannonading heard at Dover gave rise to reports of a naval engagement near the eastern entrance to the English channel.

Ban Put on Wireless By Greek Government

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—The Commercial Cable Company announced today that it has been notified that the Greek government has placed a ban on wireless. The announcement says: "The Greek administration has suspended the use of radio telegraphy by ships within her territorial waters."

This is a continuation of the Greek government's declaration that it will endeavor to remain neutral throughout the war.

WEATHER REPORT.

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GRAND JURY PROBES FOOD PRICE ADVANCE

Department of Justice Seeks Evidence for Criminal Prosecutions.

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beginning to drop. In Chicago the decrease in pork products was said to be due to protests from housewives.

Police power may be called into work to force the price of foodstuffs in New York down to their honest, normal level. Detectives already have been assigned to assist, and inspectors of the health department are given authority to inquire into the cost and sale price of all commodities.

Similar activity is noted today in other large produce markets, particularly searching inquiries being made in Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore, and large Southern markets.

A law to control prices of fuel and all necessities of life will be enacted by the Canadian parliament next week, when it meets for special war measures. This measure is the proposed remedy for increased prices of flour, fuel, sugar and many other commodities throughout the Dominion.

Until the present high prices are corrected and foodstuffs come within the reach of those moderate means, Mrs. Clark, wife of the Speaker of the House, suggests the substitution of vegetables for meat. Mrs. Clark said that with the exception of home-grown vegetables, for which there is never any foreign market, all foodstuffs have gone up.

"I cannot understand the rise in the price of flour, considering the reports of our enormous wheat crop," said Mrs. Clark. "Sugar also has increased in price, and this, though not so serious an inconvenience, is affecting those who do a large amount of preserving."

Of course, meat has been very high the last year or so, and since the war started the price has advanced even more rapidly. The thing to do is to use it as sparingly as one can. I think when the financial and industrial situation has more nearly regained its normal plane there will be a corresponding decrease in prices."

Advances Not Explained By War, Asserts Expert

A. B. Bielski, chief of the division of investigation of the Department of Justice, said today: "Our inquiries will be made among all classes of people, including the producers, the wholesalers, the jobbers, the retailer, and the consumer. We will make a comparative study of the present prices and those of several weeks back in our efforts to arrive at the cause of the increase. Though, no doubt, the strained situation caused by the war has caused the advance in prices in some parts of the country, I cannot now account for the same advance in other parts of the country, which have not been so immediately affected by the war."

Evidence of Criminal Conspiracies Is Sought

With special investigators of the Department of Justice and United States district attorneys in all large cities directing their attention wholly to President Wilson's campaign against the "rapid and unwarmed increase in prices of foodstuffs," the high cost of living problem now prevailing gave promise today of early solution.

Preliminary reports from special agents and Government investigators, declaring many price increases speculative, unjustifiable and apparently resulting from elements of illegal conspiracy subject to anti-trust law prosecution began to pour in by telegraph to the Department of Justice today.

Within a week or ten days, Attorney General McReynolds expects to be able to submit a final report to the President, setting forth whether immediate resort to the courts is advisable, or a further investigation should be made jointly by the Departments of Justice, Commerce, and Agriculture, looking to remedial measures.

Supplemental instructions to district attorneys and special agents of the Department of Justice were issued by the Attorney General today. It was requested that they be directed to:

1. Investigate the cause of the advance in prices of foodstuffs, and report to the Attorney General.

2. Investigate the cause of the advance in prices of other necessities of life, and report to the Attorney General.

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Food Fight Is Topic of White House Conference

Both Secretary Redfield and Attorney General McReynolds conferred with President Wilson today concerning progress of the food price investigation.

McReynolds said that the investigation has not proceeded far enough as yet to show whether there is actual conspiracy to inflate prices. Thus far they plan to rely on the Sherman law for punishment, but he is making an investigation to find if there is any other way to meet the situation, and also if any further legislation from Congress is necessary.

New York's East Side Is Facing Starvation

NEW YORK, Aug. 14.—The poverty-stricken East Side today is experiencing real danger of starvation. Food prices, boosted because of the real or fancied effect of the European war, are cutting down the means of thousands of families.

"Starving" was the exact word used by a Mulberry street shopkeeper to describe the condition of his customers. To them a rise of 2 cents in dry beans means no beans. They can't afford it. Today East Side bread loafers were reduced one and one-half ounces in weight. That small difference spelled tragedy for many East Side families.

A grocer on Grand street told of a woman who supported an invalid husband and a baby on \$3 a week. "I've used up my money on bread," he said. "They never had meat. But now I don't know how they'll make the small leaves go around."

Just why the European war should affect the price of milk is not clear, yet East Side shops were quoting it half a cent higher. There were many babies in the crowded tenements today whose cries were induced by the pangs of hunger. Their parents couldn't afford the usual amount of milk.

A little knot of weeping women crowded one Avenue A grocery store, bewailing the war and uttering imprecations in foreign gutturals against those whom they said were trying to make money out of it by charging poor people more for their food.

"I don't know what we'll do," said one woman. "I guess we'll just starve."

Chicago Woman's Club Boycotts Foodstuffs

CHICAGO, Aug. 14.—Boycott on all food articles while prices advance apparently without warrant, was launched today by the Illinois Women's Democratic Club. The movement is expected to be approved at a housewives' mass meeting tonight as a weapon in the campaign for lower food prices.

The Chicago Master Butchers' Association today made public resolutions it directed against the packers. The butchers called upon Congress to place a 10 per cent duty on export meat, and demanded legislation providing fines and imprisonment for persons speculating in food products.

"The meat packers virtually admitted that meat prices have been inflated," declared John T. Russell, president of the United Master Butchers of America, today. "After boosting pork prices to \$15 a hundred, they suddenly reduced them, not because of any decided drop in prices, but because the butchers refused to buy."

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BIG GERMAN LOSS DENIED IN CENSORED BERLIN MESSAGE

BERLIN, Aug. 13. (Delayed and doubly censored in Belgian and England).—The German advance is proceeding as planned. Whatever losses the army has sustained in the operations on the French border and in Belgium were anticipated.

The German forward movement continues along the very lines selected by the general staff. It was expected that there would be losses, but the very fact that the forward movement proceeds, and that the army is pushing on toward Paris, shows that the claims of great German disaster are unfounded.

French and Belgian prisoners of war are being sent to the concentration camps. Details of the armistice positions are not known, and information regarding the fighting already in progress is confined to meagre official bulletins in which facts concerning forces engaged and positions attacked are withheld. So severe is the censorship that the location of all regiments is known only to the war office and the members of the general staff.

Americans in Berlin Warn of War Rumors

Ambassador Gerard cabled the State Department today that the American Association of Commerce and Trade of Berlin requests Americans "to be careful in giving credit to war reports."

"We would ask the American press and America in general to be careful in giving credence to war reports," the association said, "now circulating in the United States concerning conditions in Germany. The city of Berlin is perfectly quiet. Food prices are normal. Foreigners, especially Americans, are fully protected."

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